GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
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Treatment of Cancer through Ayurveda
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governemnt has formulated any specific medicine for treatment of cancer through AYUSH system of medicine particularly in Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give any assistance/facilities for research in treatment of cancer and other life style diseases through Ayurveda; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) and (b): No.
(b) (c) and (d): The Government has set-up the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) an autonomous organization, with the mandate to undertake research in ayurvedic system of medicines and practice. The institutes under CCRAS are also engaged in extending healthcare services and research on life-style and non-communicable diseases. The Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Cancer (CARIC) in Worli, Mumbai, especially, is carrying out some pioneering work in the area of combating Cancer through Ayurveda. Some of the other initiatives in this area include:

(i). The Ministry of AYUSH through CCRAS has launched a programme to integrate Ayurveda with National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS).

The major objective of the programme is prevention and early diagnosis of these diseases; reduce complications; reduce drug dependency through these systems.

The districts in which the programme has been initiated are as below:
CCRAS- Bhilwara (Rajasthan), Surendra Nagar (Gujarat) and Gaya (Bihar).

(ii). An Indo-US workshop on Traditional Medicine with special focus on cancer was organized in New Delhi on 3-4 March, 2016 A US team comprising of experts from National Cancer Institute (NCI) and National Institute of Health (NIH) took part in the two days exhaustive deliberations that have resulted into significant leads.

(iii). The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH, supported All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to conduct a study to evaluate the efficacy of AYUSH QOL-2C in improving quality of life in non-metastatic Breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy/ radiotherapy.

The study has been completed and data has analysis started.

The objective of the study did not include cure of cancer, but relates to management of the condition.